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1. Italian EmbOff delivered note today text as follows, unnecessary words deleted:

QUOTE Embassy of Italy with reference to stipulation of new bilateral Civil Air Transport Agreement between Italy and US, upon instructions its Government, proposes resumption at early date of formal negotiations with view to conclusion of said Agreement.

Italian Government calls attention of Department of State to fact that last stage of official negotiations took place in Washington December 1968, and has therefore honor of inviting USG to resume said negotiations in Rome.

Embassy of Italy would like indicate that Italian Delegation prepared resume such negotiations at any moment, with

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exception of period between March 10 and March 30, 1970, during which it will be engaged abroad in other official conversations.

Embassy of Italy would be grateful for favor of early reply as to resumption of negotiations and for suggestion of possible date or dates for such resumption. END QUOTE

2. Italian Minister Terruzzi informally advised AIS Director Beaudry yesterday of sense of note. Beaudry responded that we had been surprised at Italian position taken in most recent Washington talks and we would have to give careful consideration to preparation for any formal negotiations. He also indicated that reply to note would be forthcoming in due course but that resumption of formal negotiations if agreed could not take place before April at earliest.

END

~~Washington Representative has advised Deputy Assistant Secretary Bay that Ambassador, Deputy Director~~

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